



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): John R. PEPPER

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For: HOLLOW GUIDE ROD

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**Mail Stop Amendment  
COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

Dear Sir:

**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL**

We are enclosing an Amendment in response to the communication dated March 28, 2006 in the above-identified application.

Petition for extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.137 is hereby made if, and to the extent, required. The fee for this extension of time is calculated to be \$ 120.00 to extend the time for filing this response until July 28, 2006.

The fee for any change in number of claims has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate	
Total Claims	19	Minus	20	0	x \$50.00	\$
Independent Claims	4	Minus	4	0	x \$200.00	\$
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM FEE					x \$360.00 = \$	
TOTAL FEE FOR CLAIM CHANGES					\$0.00	
1/2 FILING FEE FOR SMALL ENTITY					\$N/A	

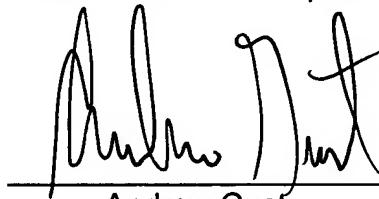
The total fee for this amendment, including claim changes and any extension of time is calculated to be \$ 120.00.

XXX A Letter to the Draftsman is attached.

XXX A Replacement Sheet for Figure 1.

       A check in the amount of \$ 0.00 is attached.

XXX The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the amount of \$120.00 and any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required with this communication or during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to **Deposit Account No. 01-0467**. A duplicate copy of this Form is enclosed.



July 28, 2006

Date

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**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING DEPOSITED WITH THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE AS FIRST CLASS MAIL IN AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO: MAIL STOP AMENDMENT, COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, P.O. BOX 1450, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450, ON July 28, 2006.

Ruth J. Olivo  
NAME

  
SIGNATURE

July 28, 2006  
DATE